

**MINUTES
EAGAR TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
22 W. 2nd St., Eagar, AZ
August 2, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Kim Holaway called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. Mayor Kim Holaway led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilor Gary Finch offered the invocation. Mayor Holaway said to let the record show that Vice-Mayor James Nelson is absent and all other council members are present.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Kim Holaway, Mayor
 Steve Erhart
 Gary Finch
 Debbie Rogers
 Byron Smith
 Tim Rasmussen

COUNCIL ABSENT: James Nelson, Jr., Vice Mayor

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Greenwood, Town Manager
 Bruce Ray, Community Development Administrator
 Steve Christensen, Public Works Director
 Katie Wood, Finance Administrator
 Eva Wilson, Town Clerk
 Marion Wiltbank, Assistant Town Clerk

ITEM #5: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

A. MAYOR

Mayor Kim Holaway reported that the Eagar Daze Ice Cream Social will be held on Friday, August 5th at 7:00 p.m. and the Council is serving the ice cream. Dreyer's through Bashas' is donating seven large tubs of ice cream. Michelle Baca is giving the Council Eagar Daze T-shirts to wear that night.

B. COUNCIL

Councilor Debbie Rogers gave an update on the ATV Jamboree. She reported that registrations are pouring in and she has received calls from California and Utah. People are not necessarily coming to ride on the forest, but to work on mitigation projects planned for each day such as reseeding Saffell Canyon ATV Trail and Pat Knoll area both of which were badly burned. The ATV Club expects to have an excellent crowd and hopefully the Governor will show up again.

C. STAFF

Town Manager Bill Greenwood reported that Round Valley Cares would be distributing approximately 500 food boxes Thursday morning, August 1st beginning at 9:00 a.m. Each box will feed a family of four for three days and all Round Valley evacuees are eligible for a food box. Round Valley Cares is located beside the First Assembly of God Church, 1559 E. Main Street in Springerville.

Town Clerk Eva Wilson reminded everyone this weekend is Eagar Daze starting this Friday night and continuing into Saturday; schedules are available on the back table. Also on the table are flyers for the Boys & Girls Club and Centennial Park paver brick applications.

ITEM #6: OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Springerville-Eagar Regional Chamber of Commerce Director Becki Christensen reported the following:

- Springerville-Eagar Chamber and St. Johns Chamber are joining together on the event Apache County Country Fire for September 3, 2011 at Lyman Lake State Park starting from 9:00 a.m. till 9:00 p.m. There will be a \$10,000 prize for whoever catches the tagged fish, as well as children's games, vendors, swimming, hiking, boating, live country music bands, and fireworks.
- Tony Kyle, the business consultant, has set an event called the Winter Jamboree to be held February 2nd thru the 5th, 2012. The event will be held at the Round Valley Dome with some things set up at Sunrise - planning for snow and no snow. Mr. Kyle has been helping with other programs.
- Buy Local program – had a Wake Up mixer a couple of weeks ago and gathered input from our businesses, also sent out a business survey online to local businesses. Will distribute surveys and ask business customers to fill out a survey and their name will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate. This will help me create joint ventures, like for instance- we don't have a bowling alley but across the mountain they do. Then we can say to them this and this business is willing to give out coupons or discounts to your bowling alley that will drive people to you, if you will give your bowling alley people coupons or discounts to our restaurants or store. Create a reason for the people to go back and forth.
- Apache County Fair is September 6th thru the 10th, 2011.
- Next mixer will be held at Paradise Pizza.

Jack McCall stated his concerns of a recent code revision with Ordinance 2011-05. He was serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission when a similar ordinance was adopted and then he was serving on the Council that also worked on the revised code. He reported that he fought the old ordinance all the way through, because he knew a lot of people who would like to subdivide lots for different reasons. During this process flooding occurred in the 26 Bar area, Butler Street and other places in town. Lawsuits came to the Town and the Town had to perform a lot of clean up because the Town didn't have effective codes to take care of drainage and there are still some roads that the town has to maintain, so the people can get to their houses, because subdivisions were not completed. As an example Mr. McCall stated that, "a couple of years back

we let some people put in big subdivision. There was some handshakes and paperwork done for the developer to lay chip seal. The developer put it off and the Town ended up laying the chip seal and paying for it because the developer said “you accepted the roads like they were”.

The Town had a lot of people wanting to subdivide or split their parcel and when the newer ordinance passed, the Town “had to stick to their guns” and abide by the Ordinance.

Seeing the problems that were created through the years of sub-dividers not completing their projects (road, drainage improvements, water and wastewater systems), the Town for many years was left to clean them up. Now Ordinance 2011-05 again has a lot of loopholes that leave the Town open for lawsuits. Mr. McCall encourages the Council to review the ordinance again. Mr. McCall has 35 acres off of East 7th Street and currently has no problems with the subdivision above him, but he would like to see the subdivision done right because of the past problems that were experienced. When sub-dividers have to build roads according to Town Code it costs them a lot of money, a lot more money than putting a two track in and building a house and the flooding that occurs from this type of activity has to stop. He stated that the Town is going back words in adopting Ordinance 2011-05.

ITEM #7: PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION TO AUGUST 2011 “SHINING STARS” COMMUNITY HONOREE(S)

Councilor Debbie Rogers announced the honoree for this month as Dallin Goodman who performed his Eagle Scout Project at the Boys & Girls Club in conjunction with another scout’s Eagle Project. They accomplished this list:

- Organize the repair and replacement a section of roof & fascia and re-shingle
- Remove all debris in all 3 buildings, vacuuming the entire 3 buildings, organizing help
- Clean the building and prep for painting organizing volunteers
- Painting the exterior and interior (two coats of paint)
- Organize and help in the cleaning up after painting
- Cleaning the landscape and organizing help
- Working with the club director as needed

This was all set on a very tight timeline to be ready for the opening of the Club for a summer program starting June 20, 2011. Between the wind, Wallow Fire, and evacuations they committed to keep this day to open and had to put in much effort to make up for two weeks of lost time.

ITEM #8: CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EAGAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD JULY 2011

APPROVAL OF JUNE 2011 BANK TRANSMITTALS 1-20 NATIONAL BANK OF AZ
CHECKS WRITTEN FROM 30342-30509, PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOSIT VOUCHERS
6021101-6301134, CARD MEMBER SERVICE CREDIT CARD PURCHASES

Councilor Byron Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Gary Finch seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

ITEM #9: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT, AND TOWN'S
SALES TAX REVENUE REPORT**

Finance Administrator Katie Wood stated that in regards to the financial statement for June there are several adjustments on both the expenditures and revenues reports. The revenue adjustments received in July have to be accrued back for June 30th before the end of fiscal year. In regards to revenues and expenses all three of the funds have an excess of revenue compared to expenditures for the fiscal year. Cash is always delayed because the Town works on an accrual basis and all of those have shown positive. The one revenue extreme that doesn't show on the report, that is still expected, is the large sum of money for firefighting and administrative work for the Wallow Fire; this revenue will be approximately \$350,000 of General Fund revenue.

A couple of departments are overrun in expenditures for the year. The bulk of overrun is due to the Wallow Fire, especially in general facilities fleet for large fuel purchases.

The large negative numbers in adjustments on the expenditure page are due to bond payments that were paid on June 30th. It is an expense for the next year with 2007 bond payments deposited by July 1, payable by August 1.

Mayor Kim Holaway inquired if the difference between revenues and expenses for the year of \$130,097 was put in reserve or savings account. Ms. Wood said that the cash was used for overruns to balance this year's budget. Expenditures and revenues have to sit where they are earned. Revenues are going to be a much larger number when the Wallow Fire reimbursements arrive and that cash will be moved forward this year. Mayor Holaway suggested placing cash in the reserve account since money was spent from the reserve account in July for flood mitigation.

Town Manager Bill Greenwood stated that this Sales Tax Report is the fiscal year end report. Sales tax is up quite a bit from last year; unfortunately the \$139,000 difference is due to the reconstruction of the high school. Year ending 2011 shows increases in the wholesale trade, and restaurant and bar. The sales tax collection for June 2011, during the evacuation period, is actually higher than a year ago.

Mayor Holaway said for the benefit of the audience, that the monthly sales tax report is generated monthly. The State collects sales tax and redistributes it back to cities and towns.

The report shows comparisons for years 2010 and 2011, helps the Town track trends keep abreast of the Town's revenue stream. If the report showed a big dip, the Town would adjust expenditures accordingly. The Council reviews this report every month.

B. REPORT – WALLOW FIRE UPDATE

Arizona Department of Transportation's update on Highway 261 stated the guardrail is complete and has been inspected. If everything goes well Highway 261 will be open tomorrow or the next day. When ADOT performed inspections on the highways they didn't like some of the slash that is too close to the highway in some places. They anticipate clean up being complete in the next couple of days and expect to open Highway 261 to Big Lake by Friday or Saturday.

The seeding contract is complete and was done in half the time allowed in the contract. 80,000 acres of the burned area was seeded with 3.8 million pounds of seed. The seeding planes are installed with computer GIS programmed to accurately drop seed in line with the last pass.

On 95% of the primary roads the hazard trees have been removed and they are being close to completing this project. On August 6th certain roads will open in conjunction with an early elk hunt, and then on the 16th another group of roads is scheduled to open. 95 % of the power lines affected, have the hazard trees cleared from them – 35 miles of power lines had to be treated in Alpine and Nutrioso.

The BAER Team projects will probably be wrapped up in the next two weeks. The next team will work on long-term projects and will be starting in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Greenwood is looking for help to coordinate a publicity project on the burn area with the offer from City of Glendale's marketing department. Councilor Debbie Rogers said she would help. Some publicity items were recorded for the project during the 4th of July and Councilor Rogers suggested more recording be done on Friday, September 9th during the ATV Jamboree when there would be hundreds of volunteers coming from New Mexico – this would show the regional support for the area with people coming to the area and spending three or four days here. She suggested that if Glendale's film crew is interested in coming back, the ATV Club will feed them dinner that Friday night – or whatever is needed to get them back up here. Mr. Greenwood said with the roads opening, word needs to get out. Councilor Rogers was in agreement that the Town should act quickly. Mayor Holaway offered her help Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Councilor Debbie Rogers asked if anybody knew when the paving would be complete on the small stretch of Highway 273? Councilor Rogers knows of a bicycle rally group out of Phoenix that is waiting for that to get done and she is hoping to help them plan a bike ride in the fall. Bill Greenwood suggested calling the Forest Service Ranger Office and to speak to Vicente Ordonez regarding bike trails.

Councilor Tim Rasmussen had heard that the BAER Team had run out of seed and were laying straw down without seed. Mr. Greenwood stated that there are some areas that got straw before the seeding contract was in effect (the north face above town). Straw was put down, because of the time crunch to prevent erosion, seed has been laid on top and it is believed that the seed will penetrate through the straw. The seeding is done and there is still a fair amount of straw to put down in other areas.

Mayor Kim Holaway inquired if the guardrails were replaced with the round guardrails manufactured locally. Mr. Greenwood stated they are still using the square guardrails.

ITEM # 10: NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO DONATE THE USE OF THE RODEO ARENA TO THE NATIONAL BARREL HORSE ASSOCIATION FOR A SPECIAL BARREL RACE EVENT

District Director of the National Barrel Horse Association (NBHA), Janie Henson, stated that the NBHA claims 75 members from Apache and Navajo Counties and the NBHA is a nationwide organization. Last year the local NBHA wanted to do something for the kids here and so they organized a new barrel race to help Special Olympics. This event has inspired her so much that it is going to be a yearly event.

Last year the barrel race event raised \$500 from a two-day event to give to the local Special Olympians to compete in the State Special Olympics. Ms. Henson stated that this year's event will be a three-day event and participants have to participate all three nights to qualify for the awards and money. The event will be held August 26, 27, and 28th. 150-barrel races were run last year and it is expected to increase this year.

Ms. Henson stated that the Town of Eagar sponsored \$400 for buckles last year and charged the NBHA for use of the arena. This year she is asking the Town to donate the use of the arena, which costs \$400, and NBHA carries its own insurance covering the Town with as additional insured. She has experienced people to run the tractor to rip the arena (Council Gary Finch recommended asking the county to rip the arena with their toothed blade). Councilor Rogers inquired if they would be using the lights? Ms. Henson stated the two nights of the event start at 7:00 p.m. and would run for approximately three hours at 30-35 barrel races an hour.

The event is advertised nation wide, and New Mexico has joined with sponsorship of the event this year. Ms. Henson would like to pull in more business to the local area with this event. The Boys & Girls Club of Round Valley will serve concessions as a fundraiser for the event.

Councilor Tim Rasmussen suggested donating the use of the facilities and donating money too. This event falls right into the economic development plan with this being the second

year for the event. Mayor Kim Holaway said the Town has an economic development line item budgeted that could be used for this purpose.

Councilor Steve Erhart moved to donate the use of the rodeo arena to the National Barrel Horse Association for a special barrel race event on August 26, 27, 28, 2011. Councilor Gary Finch seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

The Council also directed the Town Manager, Bill Greenwood to have the Town of Eagar donate two prize buckles.

B. DISCUSSION TO CONVERT THE CURRENT SWIMMING POOL TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF ROUND VALLEY MULTIPURPOSE RECREATION FACILITY

Town Manager Bill Greenwood was under the assumption that when the swimming pool ceased to exist as a swimming pool, it would revert back to the LDS Church. In going through the agreements with the LDS Church that stipulation was in the original lease of 1965. In 1984 the amended lease reduced the area of the land, so what is actually fenced with a chain link fence is in the lease. Then in 1989 the Town requested to purchase the swimming pool to help finance improvements. In 1992 that request was granted, there is a quick claim deed granted to the Town for the fenced portion of land and building.

Steve Christensen said the Boys & Girls Club Board of Round Valley would like to pursue looking into converting the pool to a multipurpose recreational facility. The Club did talk to Pete Hunt of the LDS Church and he thought it was a wonderful idea and the Church would support it. The Club would also enter into an agreement with the Church for use of the adjacent volleyball courts and ball fields. A million dollar liability clause will be included in the Club insurance.

The Club will look closer at the building before they make an agreement with the Town. The Club's initial proposal is to fill in the swimming pool and perform some outside improvements. They will give the Town a plan of improvements. Right now just want to get a feel of how the Council feels. Mr. Christensen stated that the Club would possibly come to the Council with an agreement in the next meeting or two.

Boy & Girls Club Executive Director Tammi-Jo Anders and Program/Athletic Director Ryan Frazier gave an update of what has been happening since June 20th. They have 114 members with an after school program to start next Thursday, August 11th. Open for school from 2:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and are still working on the Saturday hours based on what the community needs. The capacity for the current building is 110, so if everybody shows up all at once they are maxed out. Steve Christensen presented her with the idea of converting the pool. Plan A- a roller skating rink for Saturday events for birthday parties and bring in out of town users, as there isn't a skating rink on the mountain, the closest one is in Phoenix. Plan B- basketball courts, volleyball courts, possibly a gymnastics arena for the gymnastics club, which would help with their memberships. The Archery Club would be interested in adding a 30-yard pin set up and teaching the kids archery skills. The Club is also working with the Arizona Game and Fish department. Businesses could be involved like the Sweat Shop to rent or sell roller

skates, and Ms. Anders has talked to Alco about selling roller skates. The Club has formed a partnership with the Forest Service Kids in the Woods Program.

Councilor Steve Erhart doesn't see the Town opening the swimming pool and this would be a positive venture. Mayor Holaway added that she received a complaint from a citizen last week about the water still in the pool and the chemicals stored there.

Some concerns are mold, structural issues, and plumbing issues most of which can be resolved. Mayor Kim Holaway asked the Club to look into the building and give the Town a plan.

ITEM #11: SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

Council signed the July 2011 Eagar Town Council Minutes.

ITEM #12: ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Gary Finch moved to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Debbie Rogers; all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Attest: _____

Mayor: _____

Vice-Mayor: _____

Council: _____

CERTIFICATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular session of the Town of Eagar, Arizona held on August 2, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Eva M. Wilson, Town Clerk